



Medical Justification Language for AEL Foot Supports

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****Methodology to apply the following justifications:**

When determining the level of equipment needed, begin with the basic level of equipment. Then, determine if the next level/style of equipment would be more appropriate for the client. If so, include the basic justification with aspects of the next level/style of equipment as necessary.

Basic Justification

AEL Dynaform Foot Positioners

Due to (insert applicable diagnosis here) the client presents with decreased lower extremity control and extraneous lower extremity movements (include if applicable) which will result in the bilateral lower extremities falling off of the foot plates if they are not secured, potentially causing injury. The Dynaform Foot Positioners are medically necessary as they will ensure that the client's feet are aligned in a neutral position, thus ensuring adequate and appropriate weight distribution through the feet onto the foot plates. These positioners will also ensure the feet and lower extremities are protected while in the wheelchair and secured to the foot plate to prevent them from falling off the footplate resulting in injury. If his/her feet are not secured while seated, the client's postural support and alignment will be adversely affected and the risk of injury to his/her lower extremities is increased dramatically.

Basic Justification

Dynaform Ankle Positioners

In the event the client **requires the ability to perform dorsiflexion of the ankle (raising the toes)**, and/or requires a **less aggressive** foot support, the **Dynaform Ankle Positioner** may be more appropriate. In the event the Ankle Positioner is desired, the following justification may be used:

Due to (insert applicable diagnosis here) the client presents with decreased lower extremity control and extraneous lower extremity movements (include if applicable) which will result in the bilateral lower extremities falling off of the foot plates if they are not secured, potentially causing injury. The Dynaform Ankle Positioners are medically necessary as they will ensure that the client's ankles are secured to the foot plates, in a neutral position, while allowing dorsiflexion of the ankle and slight mobility in foot. The ankle positioner will also ensure the feet and lower extremities are protected while in the wheelchair and secured to the foot plate to prevent them from falling off the footplate resulting in injury. If his/her feet are not secured while seated, the client's postural support and alignment will be adversely affected and the risk of injury to his/her lower extremities is increased dramatically.



Basic Justification

AEL Shoe Holder

In the event the client will be **wearing shoes within the wheelchair** and requires stability and security of the foot to the footplates, the AEL **Shoe Holder** may be most beneficial. The justification below may be used:

Due to (insert applicable diagnosis here) the client presents with decreased lower extremity control and extraneous lower extremity movements (include if applicable) which will result in the bilateral lower extremities falling off of the foot plates if they are not secured, potentially causing injury. This client wears shoes at all times while within his wheelchair, therefore the AEL Shoe Holders would be most beneficial and are medically necessary as they will ensure that the client's feet are aligned in a neutral position, thus ensuring adequate and appropriate weight distribution through the feet onto the foot plates. The shoe holders will also ensure the feet and lower extremities are protected while in the wheelchair and secured to the foot plate to prevent them from falling off the footplate resulting in injury. If his/her feet are not secured while seated, the client's postural support and alignment will be adversely affected and the risk of injury to his/her lower extremities is increased dramatically.

Basic Justification

Foot Boxes

In the event the client **independently performs transfers** into/out of the chair, presents with impulsivity, or **presents with any kind of risk** as a result of having the ankles or feet secured to the foot plates, **foot boxes** should be used. The justification for the foot box options is as follows:

Split Foot Box Option:

Due to (insert applicable diagnosis here) the client presents with decreased lower extremity control and extraneous lower extremity movements (include if applicable) which will result in the (right or left) lower extremity falling off of the foot plate if the foot is not secured, potentially causing injury. A Split Foot Box, can be used unilaterally, and is medically necessary as it does not strap the feet to the foot plates anteriorly, therefore is a far safer option as compared to the ankle or foot positioners, yet provides the necessary support and protection. The Split Foot Box Option will ensure the foot and lower extremity is protected while in the wheelchair, preventing posterior slide off from the foot plate and providing pressure relief via the padded lining. Without use of this device, the client's (right/left) foot will not be secured while seated, therefore resulting in adverse effects and the risk of injury to his/her lower extremity.



Full Foot Box Option:

Due to (insert applicable diagnosis here) the client presents with decreased lower extremity control and extraneous lower extremity movements (include if applicable) which will result in the bilateral lower extremities falling off of the foot plates if they are not secured, potentially causing injury. A Full Foot Box is medically necessary as it does not strap the feet to the foot plates anteriorly, therefore is a far safer option as compared to the ankle or foot positioners. The Full Foot Box Option will ensure the feet and lower extremities are protected while in the wheelchair, preventing posterior slide off from the foot plates and providing pressure relief via the padded lining. Without use of this device, the client's feet will not be secured while seated, therefore resulting in adverse effects and the risk of injury to his/her lower extremities.